

# U. S. COLLECT AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL

## Bandits Flag Train and Secure Loot WILL NOT DISCUSS ANCONA CASE

### EXPLOSION SHATTERS MAIL CAR

Robbers Threaten Engineer With Death Unless Locked Car Is Opened.

PASSENGERS ARE NOT MOLESTED

Holdup Occurs On Kansas City Southern Railroad Near Mena, Ark.

**M**ENSA, Ark., Dec. 16.—Southbound passenger train No. 1, on the Kansas City Southern railway was held up today by three robbers. The bandits blew open the safe in the express car. The loot, according to railroad officials, consisted of four registered packages. The passengers were not molested.

The robbery took place in a rugged mountain country. One of the robbers threatened the engineer with a revolver. The others cut off the express car and opened the safe. The robbers refused to open up until the express car was blown open. The passengers were not molested.

At the first sign of trouble the mail clerks locked the doors of mail cars. They refused to open up until the express car was blown open. The passengers were not molested.

The bandits then entered the car, selected four registered mail packages and fled.

### TESTIMONY OF BREWERY OFFICIALS IS CONCLUDED

Austin, Texas, Dec. 16.—With the taking here of the testimony of J. A. Smith, of the Galveston Brewing company, before special commissioner Klunder, in the state's outpost and anti-trust suit against the breweries of Texas, the examination of officers of the various breweries has been concluded.

It is likely, however, that other testimony will be offered by other witnesses before the special commissioner before the case comes up for trial. In the meantime negotiations looking for an adjustment of this litigation out of court are in progress.

While at San Antonio the special commissioner took the testimony of Col. Otto Wurmbrand, of the San Antonio Brewing association, L. A. Adams, of the Galveston Brewing company, and Hugh Hamilton, of the Magnolia brewery, at Houston.

### LETTERS PROVE FORGER IS REALLY VON KOOLBERGER

Leithridge, Alta., Dec. 16.—Proof that J. H. von Montford, the German seaman, is really von Koelberger, wanted as a star witness in the prosecution of the Barker-Karpis gang, is contained in a letter written him by his mother and addressed to the name of Koelberger, according to the authorities.

The man may be taken under guard to San Francisco, if he is needed.

### SUPPLIES ISSUED TO 8542 AT CLIFTON ON WEDNESDAY

Clifton, Ariz., Dec. 16.—Relief work on a large scale is being carried on at Clifton-Morenci district. Supplies were issued yesterday to 8542 people. Of these 500 are single men. Supplies are being issued from regular depots and a complete record of the disposition of the supplies is being kept.

### NEW MEXICO FLAG ON DISPLAY

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 16.—Col. Ralph E. Taft has just received and is displaying in the Santa Fe bank building, the beautiful flag awarded the New Mexico exhibit at San Diego on tokens of the grand prize won by the building as well as for the display.

### Sweater and Play Place Fund Growing

Following subscriptions have been received by The Herald to buy sweaters and build a play place for the Rescue Home babies from the elements—Previously reported, less \$20 expended for sweaters and caps. \$72.75 contributed:

A Friend	1.00
Louise Young	1.00
A Friend	.50
Little Meta Orsini	1.00
The Lodge, 402 San Francisco St.	2.00
Traveling Man	3.00
Mrs. A. M. Howland, a big doll and	1.00
Mrs. R. Williams	1.00
Review No. 42, Women's Benefit Order of Maechen	3.00
W. E. Lowe	2.00
Sam Stewart, Hayden Arizona, two sweaters and two woolen caps.	2.00

The Maechen donation is specified as intended for the purchase of shoes for the children.

### The War At a Glance

**A**USTRIA, Hungary, has replied to the American note on the Ancona tragedy. News agency dispatches through London state.

Reports have reached Rome that extensive preparations have been made for a Turco-German campaign against the Suez canal and Egypt.

**200,000 Allies in Greece.**—According to London "advice" from Saloniki, the Anglo-French forces there now total 200,000 men. The opinion is expressed that the allied forces will not be disturbed by a Bulgarian invasion of Greece.

**Record Gold Accumulation.**—It is reported in Paris that the stock of gold held by the Bank of France has reached the record figure of \$1,000,000,000.

### TURKS PLAN TO ATTACK EGYPT

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### GEN. HAG TAKES FRENCH'S PLACE

**Scottish Officer Becomes Commander in Chief of the British Army in France**

London, Eng., Dec. 16.—English papers comment approvingly today of Wednesday night's announcement that Gen. Sir Douglas Haig is appointed commander in chief of British forces in France and Flanders, following the voluntary retirement of field marshal Sir John French. Sir Douglas has been in command of the first army in France and the Scottish fighting man has been repeatedly mentioned in official reports.

Gen. Haig first won his spurs with the Seventh Hussars, and saw service on Indian, the Sudan and Africa. He was chief staff officer to Gen. French during the Boer war, superintended the task of rounding up the mobile Boer commanders and was promoted brevet major for gallantry in battle. During the present war he was distinguished by extricating his army from a most threatening situation during the retreat from Mons.

Gen. French has accepted appointment as field marshal in chief command of the forces within the United Kingdom, and has been made a viscount by King George in recognition of his services.

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**A** MERICANS arriving Thursday morning from Columbus, N. M., declare that reports are common there that Villista forces south of Columbus and Hachita have received orders to burn at the stake all Americans refusing to pay ransom to Villistas for their safety.

**American Ranchman Threatened.**—One hundred cavalrymen of Villista's army raided W. A. M. Rober's ranch, drove off the horses and ranch hands, and then set fire to the house, according to reports. The ranchman, according to reports, was taken to the interior sections.

This information was brought to Columbus by a Mexican employed for a long time on the ranch of the Palomas Land and Cattle company, known as the Coyote ranch. It is declared. Rober is stated by arrivals Thursday morning as not having put in his appearance since over two weeks ago, at Columbus.

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At the same time, advances brought to the border by a half dozen Mormon soldiers, an early morning train from Casas Grandes Thursday with 70 Villista cavalrymen, declare that Rodriguez's forces are arriving daily in the colonies in the Casas Grandes valley. They are quartering themselves wherever they see fit, taking what they want. Looting is general and ill feeling against American settlers in the entire valley is general. Houses of Americans have been broken into and robbed in some cases, though this (Continued on page 3, Col. 2)

### GREECE AND BULGARIA FORM NEUTRAL ZONE

Sofia, Bulgaria, Dec. 16.—A neutral zone, extending two kilometers on each side of the frontier, has been agreed upon between Greece and Bulgaria, according to an official announcement.

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### GERMANY'S AGENTS IN ITALY

Berlin, Germany, Dec. 16.—The transcript of the Austro-Hungarian reply to the note from the United States regarding the Italian invasion, will take place in Italy.

A general lack of interest in the matter would appear to be indicated by the fact that papers print the note on an inside page or give it only a secondary position on the front page.

**KING PETER WILL SEEK REFUGE IN ITALY, REPORT**

Paris, France, Dec. 16.—It is reported from Rome that King Peter of Serbia, driven from his country by the German invasion, will take refuge in Italy.

**MINES SINK ITALY'S WARSHIPS.**

Rome, Italy, via Paris, France, Dec. 16.—The Italian destroyer Intrepido and Italian transport St. Umberto have been sunk in the Adriatic sea by drifting mines, according to announcement made in Rome today. All the members of the crews were saved with the exception of 40 men aboard the transport and three on the destroyer.

### PETER and Paul, Pets of the "Home,"

**Where a Playhouse Is Badly Needed**

Bundle of Warm Clothing Is Donated for Two Little American Twins Who Are Dependent on Charity; More Money Is Needed to Build the Playhouse and Buy Shoes for the Boys and Girls.

**O**n the right you see Peter and Paul, the two pet twins at the Rescue Home, two of the 14 little boys and girls for whom the kind readers of The Herald are contributing funds that they may have a pleasant Christmas and warm clothing and a place to play.

A nice, big box of warm clothing for Peter and Paul was sent to the Home today from The Herald office with the compliments of Mrs. Sol I. Berg.

"Peter and Paul" were just a year old on Thanksgiving day. These little youngsters have been in the care of the Home since last June. Their mother was deserted by their father shortly before their birth. The mother struggled along to work and care for the babies but when they were about six months old she broke down completely and was so sick that she had to be taken to a hospital. There was no place for the little twins to go until someone thought of the Rescue Home. Here the little youngsters were received with open arms. They were puffy and sick, for they had not had sufficient food.

**Cloudier Saves Them.**

Just as soon as they were strong enough, Peter and Paul were sent to the Baby sanatorium in Cloudier, where they grew rosy and fat. They stayed at the sanatorium until it closed and then were brought back to the Rescue Home again. While the mother was sick, the Rescue Home cared for them without pay. As soon as the mother was strong enough to get work again, she began paying a little board for their board. The payment of the home suffering the price to the mother's wages. The babies are fed, clothed and cared for by the Home.

Little Ruth, another of the inmates is a plump healthy little youngster of four years and she felt so dressed up Tuesday that she was delighted beyond the power of speech. Her little baby sister, Dorothy, was upstairs in her little crib.

Little Dorothy was so thin and sickly and weak from malnutrition that she



PETER AND PAUL.

could not move her limbs when she was taken to the Rescue Home five months ago by her father. Under the good care of the officers of the home, little Dorothy is beginning to get plump and is slowly getting strong.

When little Charlie and his sister Lena were brought to the Rescue Home a short time ago they had nothing to eat for two whole days. Their widowed mother could only do for them what she could. They were so small that she could not do very much for the youngsters. She could not keep them with her where she worked so the little white youngsters were put in the care of a good negro woman in

her home. But the mother lost her position and could not get another and the negro woman also lost her work and all the time the money that both father and mother were paying for food and clothing was going for nothing and no more food. After they had all been without food two days the negro woman, who had heard of the Rescue Home, went to it to see if something could be done for the children. The Home took the youngsters right in and cared for them until the mother found another position. Now the mother pays a small sum each month and the children have a good home where she can go and see them whenever she has any time off.

The postman comes to the Rescue Home every day in the week for little Alfred's father, who works up in New Mexico, writes his little boy a picture postcard every day in the week. These little tots now have their sweaters, but they haven't a playhouse yet. The Herald hopes to secure readers for this, so that it may be completed at once. If there is any surplus money it can be used to buy shoes for the little ones, as there are 12 of them practically without shoes.

The woman who is arranging to give the little ones a tree, and if you wish to contribute to this, send cash, fruit, and dolls or toys of any kind to the First Christian church next Monday afternoon, marked "For the Rescue Home Babies." If you feel that you would like to contribute cash to the playhouse fund and the fund for shoes, fill out the following coupon and return it to The Herald with your contribution:

Name	_____
Amount subscribed	_____
Address	_____

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